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February 5, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local School District Superintendents

Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Natasha Baker NBALL

Deputy Superintendent of Education Services and

State School Reform Officer

SUBJECT: **Notice of Extended Deadline** for Application for State School Aid

Section 99(b) Professional Development Support for Teachers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

Instruction

The State School Aid Act Section 99(b) Professional Development (PD) Support for Teachers in STEM Instruction, has allocated \$330,000 for 2014-2015 to districts to support teacher professional development in STEM instruction utilizing training programs approved by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Funds awarded cannot exceed \$3,200 per participant.

We are inviting all Local Education Agencies and Public School Academies that wish to apply, to review the approved professional development list and submit an application in MEGS+. An interested district must complete the following steps:

- 1) Access the Section 99(b) Application, approved PD provider list and other instructional documents at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-5236-343832--,00.html.
- 2) After reviewing the approved PD provider list and instructional materials, complete the application which is available as a Microsoft Excel document.
- 3) The application must be uploaded into MEGS+ at https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MEGSPlus/ between the dates of February 2, 2015, and **February 18, 2015**. Further instructions on this process are available at the Section 99(b) website referenced above.

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